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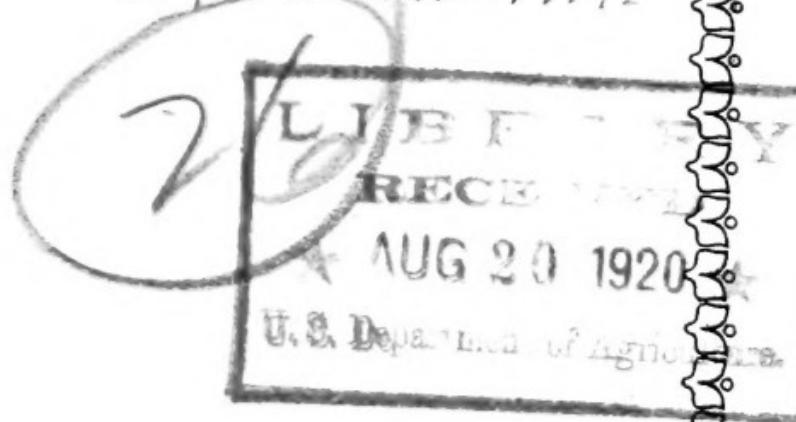
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Rockey Peach

Late Yellow
Freestone . .

J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio

THE NEW LATE PEACH "THE ROCKEY"

J. W. ROCKEY, Originator.

DESCRIPTION.

The parent tree is 8 years old and has fruited four successive seasons.

Fruit, medium to large, specimens measuring 8 to 10 inches in circumference.

Large, roundish fruit, yellow with blush; yellow flesh, perfectly free; excellent keeper; and good shipper.

Ripens with us (Southern Ohio) Oct. 18 to 28, or about two weeks later than Salway.

KEEPING QUALITIES.

Specimens of this peach were kept from four to six weeks after picking without any special effort, AND OUT OF COLD STORAGE.

A basket of these peaches were on exhibition at the Warren County Horticultural Society's meeting at Lebanon, O., Nov. 19, 1903.

Some specimens were exhibited at the Montgomery County Horticultural Society's meeting held at Dayton, O., Dec. 2, 1903, and also at the State Horticultural Society meeting held at Delaware, O., Dec. 9-11, 1903; accounts of which appear in the reports of said societies.

A New Seedling Peach.

Extract from the records of the November meeting the Montgomery Co. Hort. Society:

A NEW SEEDLING PEACH.

Mr. J. W. Rockey presented a plate of peaches of large size, perfect form, yellow flesh, freestone, luscious in flavor, late in ripening, and a remarkably good keeper.

With these qualities and coming to perfection when all other peaches have disappeared, it promises to be a prize.

The peach is a seedling, and Mr. Rockey desired the society to name it.

In honor of the producer, the society by a unanimous vote named it "THE ROCKEY".

*Had been named
Rockey's Late Peach.
at a later meeting
of the Mont. Co. Hort.
Society. JWR*

TESTIMONIALS.

The Western Fruit-Grower.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 22, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey,
Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We have yours of the 19th and also received package containing the peach which you sent us. It arrived in good condition, is of good color and good size, and is a most attractive appearing variety. The only fault we would find with it is its quality, for the flesh is somewhat dry and mealy and not as juicy as we think a really good peach should be. This we think will make the peach a good shipper and we should think it would prove a profitable commercial variety, because of its late ripening, splendid appearance of the fruit, together with the fact it would carry well to market.

We will make mention of the fruit in our November issue and will be glad to hear it has been well received by the public. Yours truly,

The Fruit Grower Co.

Franklin Davis Nursery Co.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—We duly received your recent favor also the peaches by mail and thank you for the same. From the size and quality of the fruit we believe that the variety would be a good one for the section of country you name, and coming so late in the season would no doubt bring a good price.

Franklin Davis Nursery Co.

The Rural New Yorker.

New York, Oct. 28, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—I thank you for letter of Oct. 26, and also for the samples of the seedling peach which reached us in fair condition. The peach is certainly of fine size and color. We broke it open and sent half of it, showing the pit to the engraver, hoping to get a picture of it that will give a fair idea of its appearance. I hope we shall succeed in getting a good picture although photographs of the inside of peaches are not always entirely satisfactory. The flavor of this peach as we find it is peculiar. I call it the sweetest peach I have ever tasted, and it seems to be lacking in the acid which is characteristic of many varieties of peaches. With many however this would prove attractive, and on the whole, I should say that this is a desirable variety for your locality, as there is undoubtedly a good demand for late peaches of this quality.

H. W. Collingwood, Editor

C. W. Stuart & Co., Nurserymen.

Newark, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—We have been very much interested in the sample of peaches which you sent us, as we consider them a very fine flavor and a handsome color, and in every way a superior peach. They are, however, a peach that would be too late for our trade, as we would be afraid to offer them for sale for fear they would not ripen. But in the south it would seem to us that they would be a perfectly valuable addition. C. W. Stuart & Co.

J. H. Hale, Grower of Fruits, Nursery Stock.

South Glastonbury, Conn., Oct. 29, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 26th received, also the two sample peaches, which came in good order and I thank you very much for the same.

Of course, I can understand this has been an unsatisfactory year for the developement of perfect specimens of peaches, but these two specimens show up well for an off year. They are of good size and form, rather small pit for so large a peach, fine grained, in marked contrast to peaches of Late Crawford and Elberta type, rich, sweet and melting; a really fine peach. Of course, its late season of ripening will limit its value, but for sections where it will come to full maturity before freezing season, it certainly should prove a valuable peach.

Yours very truly, J. H. Hale

Stark Bros. Nurseries and Orchard Co.

Louisiana, Mo., Oct 23, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—We thank you for yours of the 21st with sample of peach—certainly a very nice fruit. It arrived in splendid condition, and was of good flavor and excellent size. Yours truly

Stark Bros. Nurseries & Orchard Co.

Tennessee Wholesale Nurseries.

Winchester, Tenn., Nov. 2, 1903

Mr. J. W. Rockey, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—I have your favor and also received the two peach samples sent, and they are certainly fine late peaches. I see no reason why it could not become a very valuable variety, not only for the market but for the home consumption.

Yours truly, J. C. Hale

Certificate of Nursery Inspection.

No. 385.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Nov. 23, 1905

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the growing nursery stock and premises of **J. W. Rockey**, situated near Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, have been inspected in accordance with the provisions of the Nursery and Orchard Inspection Law of the State of Ohio, and have been found apparently free from San Jose scale, black knot, peach yellows, or other dangerously injurious insects or plant diseases.

This certificate is void after September 15, 1905.

A. F. BURGESS, Chief Inspector.

For Further information, address the originator,

J. W. ROCKEY

Miamisburg, Ohio.

